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RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Winfield, and Kazarian

Date Introduced: January 26, 2017

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 44-5-12.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

44-5-12.1. Assessment of tangible personal property.

(a) All tangible personal property subject to taxation shall be assessed for taxation based on the original purchase price (new or used) including all costs such as freight and installation. Assets will be classified and depreciated as defined in this section.

(b) The following classification and depreciation table shall be used in determining the assessed value of tangible personal property.

State of Rhode Island Tangible Property Classification

Table with 4 columns: Class of Assets, Class I Short Life, Class II Mid-Life, Class III Long Life. Rows include Age (1-7) and corresponding depreciation values.

1	8	20	30	60
2	9	20	30	55
3	10	20	30	50
4	11	20	30	45
5	12	20	30	40
6	13	20	30	35
7	14	20	30	30
8	15+	20	30	30

9 Assets Shall Not be Trended

10 (c) Assets shall be classified on an annual basis by the Rhode Island Association
11 of Assessing Officers' Personal Property Committee based on the following table:

12	INDUSTRY GROUP IN YEARS	CLASS
13	Aerospace industry	II
14	Agriculture machinery and equipment	II
15	cotton ginning	II
16	Aircraft and all helicopters	II
17	Amusement and theme parks	II
18	Apparel and fabricated textile manufacturing	II
19	Automobile repair shops	II
20	Bakeries and confectionery production	II
21	Barber and beauty shops	II
22	Billboards	II
23	Brewery equipment	II
24	Cable television, headend facilities	II
25	microwave systems	II
26	program origination	II
27	service and test	II
28	subscriber connection and distribution	II
29	Canneries and frozen food production	II
30	Cement manufacture	III
31	Chemical and allied production	II
32	Clay products manufacturing	III
33	Clocks and watches, manufacturing	II
34	electronic instrumentation	I

1	Cold storage and ice-making equipment	III
2	Cold storage warehouse equipment	II
3	Computers, personal computers (PC)	I
4	mainframe	I/II
5	peripherals	I
6	Condiments, manufacturing and processing	II
7	Construction equipment, general construction	II
8	Dairy products manufacturing	II
9	Data handling equipment, except computers	II
10	Distilling	II
11	Electrical equipment manufacturing	II
12	Electronic companies, steam production	III
13	other production, combined cycle	III
14	gas turbines	III
15	nuclear production	III
16	transmission	III
17	distribution	III
18	Electronic equipment manufacturing	I
19	Fabricated metal products	II
20	special tools	I
21	Fishing equipment, excluding boats and barges	I
22	Food and beverage production	II
23	special handling devices	I
24	Fur processing	II
25	Gas distribution, total distribution equipment	III
26	Optional - for equipment by category:	
27	mains and services, plastic	III
28	mains and services, steel	III
29	meters, regulators, installations	III
30	other distribution equipment	III
31	Glass and glass products	II
32	special tools	I
33	Grain and grain mill products manufacture	III
34	Gypsum products	III

1	Hand tools	I
2	Hospital furnishings and equipment	II
3	Hotel and motel furnishings and equipment	II
4	Jewelry products and pens	II
5	Knitwear and knit products	I
6	Laundry equipment	II
7	Leather and leather products	II
8	Logging, timber cutting	I/II
9	Machinery manufacturing, except, as otherwise listed	II
10	Marine construction	II
11	Meatpacking	II
12	Medical and dental supply production	II
13	Metalworking machinery manufacturing	II
14	Mining and quarrying	II
15	Motion picture and television production	II
16	Motor vehicle and parts manufacturing	II
17	special tools	I
18	Office furniture and equipment	II
19	Optical lenses and instrument manufacturing	II
20	Paints and varnishes	I
21	Paper and pulp manufacturing	II
22	converted paper, paperboard and pump	II
23	Petroleum and natural gas, drilling, onshore	II
24	drilling, offshore	II
25	exploration and production	II
26	petroleum refining	III
27	pipeline transportation	III
28	Plastics manufacturing	I/II
29	Plastic products manufacturing	II
30	special tools	I
31	Primary metals production, nonferrous and foundry products	III
32	special tools	I
33	Primary steel mill products	III
34	Printing and publishing	II

1	Professional and scientific instruments	II
2	Radio and television, broadcasting	I/II
3	Railroad transportation equipment manufacturing	II
4	locomotive manufacturing	II
5	Recreation and amusement	II
6	Retail trades, fixtures and equipment	II
7	Residential furniture	II
8	Restaurant and bar equipment	II
9	Restaurant equipment, fast foods	II
10	Rubber products manufacturing	II
11	special tools	I
12	Sawmills, permanent	II
13	portable	I
14	Service establishments	II
15	Ship and boat building machinery and equipment	II
16	special tools	I
17	Soft drink manufacture and bottling	II
18	Steam production and distribution	III
19	Stone products manufacturing	III
20	Sugar and sugar products manufacturing	III
21	Telecommunications, local exchange analog switching	I/II
22	digital switching	I/II
23	circuit, digital	I/II
24	circuit, analog	II
25	circuit, optic	I/II
26	other central office equipment	I/II
27	information/origination equipment	I/II
28	smart phones	I
29	metallic cable	II
30	fiber cable	III
31	poles	III
32	conduit	III
33	Telecommunications, interstate interexchange	
34	analog switching	I/II

1	digital switching	I/II
2	metallic cable	II
3	fiber cable	III
4	poles	III
5	conduit	III
6	all other equipment	I/II
7	Telecommunications, cellular analog switching	I/II
8	digital switching	I/II
9	radio frequency channel and control	I/II
10	power equipment	II
11	antennae	II
12	towers	III
13	transmission equipment	I/II
14	cellular phones	I
15	Textile products, including finishing and dyeing	II
16	manufacture of nonwoven fabrics	II
17	manufacture of yarn, thread and woven fabrics	II
18	manufacture of textured yarns	II
19	Theater equipment	II
20	Tobacco and tobacco products	III
21	Vegetable oil products	III
22	Waste reduction and resource recovery	II
23	Water transportation	III
24	vessels, barges and tugs	III
25	Water utilities	III
26	Wharves, docks and piers	III
27	Wholesale trade fixtures and equipment	II
28	Wood products and furniture manufacturing	II

29 [\(c\) All motor vehicles assessed in accordance with this chapter by cities and towns as of](#)
30 [December 31, 2016 and thereafter shall be assessed in accordance with the trade-in value](#)
31 [contained in the National Automobile Dealers Association \(NADA\) valuations.](#)

32 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require cities and towns to use the National Automobile Dealers
2 Association (NADA) trade-in value for motor vehicles assessed as of December 31, 2016 and
3 thereafter for purposes of the tangible personal property tax.

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